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The SSC Rock-A-Chaw

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Looking Ahead

By James McDonald

SSC started off a new school year with the Foundation Day Mass on September 29.

As students walked through the halls for the first time this August, SSC's historic tradition was instilled inside its young men yet again—just as it has been solidified for 146 years now. The first few days, adjustments to new classes and new rules had to be made. Visions of unlimited possibilities quickly started to fill everyone's mind for the new school year. Now that we are comfortable and finished with the first quarter, one might ask—What is in store for the future? The answer to this question is not yet evident, and it continues to unfold as the start of the millennium appears.

Changes are constantly taking place on our campus. Once a future graduate goes off for college, starts his life and then later comes back to visit the place that made him a man of character, chances are that he will not see the same St. Stanislaus. Many plans are supposedly in store for the campus itself, including such facilities as a new football stadium, field house, band hall, and weight-room. New buildings like the Brother's auditorium and the Collins C. Diboll Walkway to the cafeteria have already been constructed for better accessibility. But, the newest addition at SSC would be the luxurious tennis courts next to the Brother Peter Memorial Gym. For a high school, these courts give our tennis teams one of the best facilities in the state. Hopefully, this will ensure more success for our team, which has been very strong the past few years.

After all this talk, students will probably think, "Who cares about all of this, what is going to be in store for this year?" Well, one thing that will make the seniors and juniors happy will be the upcoming prom scheduled for May 5, 2001. For the past few years, the school has had a disappointing turnout and lack of interest mainly due to the fact that students want the dance away from campus. So by popular demand, the administration has listened and booked the Great Southern Club—a very nice place on the top floor of Hancock Bank in Gulfport. On the other hand, for those in the lower grades who will not be able to attend the prom, homecoming will be another event that will be anticipated by the student body.

Academically, new classes at SSC are also shaping the foundation for future Rock-A-Chaws. For instance, Mr. Flannery is conducting the first ever AP English III class for juniors. And for the aspiring art student, an advanced art class that features sculpture is also available, taught by Ms. Bordelon. Finally, the new youth legislature team is another addition to the vast extra-curricular activities our school has to offer. As a part of this team, the members must come up with ideas that they bring to Jackson, in hopes of forming a bill that may someday become a law. Mr. Paul Verlander will be sponsoring these young politicians as they contemplate the duties of Congress.

With all of these expectations for the future, students and faculty can look forward to a great year. Some classmen may disagree and think that St. Stanislaus is a difficult school to handle, with all of its rules and regulations. Low grades and other troubles might be a constant struggle throughout these years, but students should always stick with it. Our parents pay tuition for a reason. They know we are receiving an education that will put us ahead in life. All the knowledge that we will receive at SSC will pay off in the long run. So when times are rough, think of the future, things will change and hopefully get better as life goes on.

A new sound at Mass

By Andrew Pretzello

On Friday, September 29, the SSC student body, as well as everyone who attended Mass in the gym, was uplifted by the spiritual mass celebrating the founding day of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. One of the most notable additions to the mass was the impressive band ensemble that played great music.

The songs were very spiritual and fun. The student body sang in an enthusiastic manner like they really wanted to sing. "Mass is supposed to be a celebration," said vocalist Mr. Rock. Mass is a time to celebrate God, not fall asleep listening to the music from a century ago. Friday's mass caught up with the times and played what St. Stanislaus wanted to hear.

The Mass ensemble was not only made up of faculty; it was made up of students too. "We had more students who wanted to do this, and that is what made this better," said Campus Minister Mr. Duhon. The group had an electric guitar, played by Paul Thibodeaux, and Adam Pace and John Carr played acoustic guitars. . Derek Fogarty was on the drums, and Mr. Barilleaux was playing piano. Mr. Emmer will join them on bass guitar. Our vocals consisted of Michael Carter, John Thibodeaux, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Rock, and Mrs. Lagasse. " It sounded better with more instruments and singers," said Mrs. Holmes.

If everything goes as planned, the ensemble will be playing again for our next mass. Mr. Duhon informs me that more people will be in it, which is good. Personally I think the student body should get more involved in more things we do here around SSC. This school is heading in the right direction starting with the mass, letting the students become involved in these types of activities.

Mass is and will be a wonderful celebration, especially now that the students are involved. Everyone wants to participate, and everyone is having fun. In the words of Mr. Rock, " This is how mass is supposed to be."

HOMECOMING 2000 TONIGHT

- The Rocks need your support!

Be there tonight!

The Homecoming Dance is tomorrow night!

Senior events

By DeLance Boggs

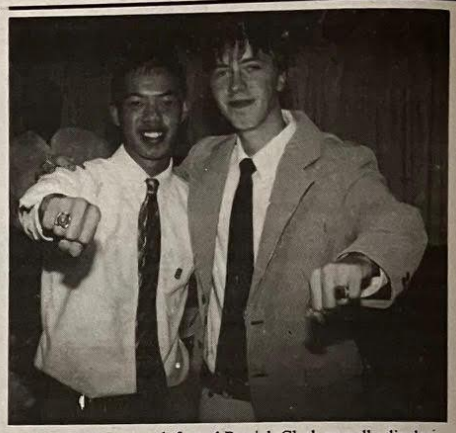
Senior Leadership Breakfast

On the 6th of September, the Senior Leadership Breakfast took place in the school mall. This event was assembled not only to establish and define the leadership qualities of the senior class but to sharpen those already present. The students were first welcomed by the Student Council President, Neil Favre, who thanked all students, visitors, and guest-speakers in attendance. Next, Reverend William J. Kelley opened the Breakfast with a prayer. A few reflections and introductions followed and then breakfast was served. Living in 2000 brings many demands as well as challenges and Mr. Danny Abramowitz, the guest speaker of the event, made some of these demands evident and challenged the senior class to living a moral life. Mr. Abramowitz is a member of the Saints' Hall of Fame and is a man of strong faith and character. His words to Stanislaus' seniors concerned morality, leadership, and spirituality. Mr. Abramowitz's speech encouraged the seniors to set the example in our school and in our society, especially as we are the role models for SSC underclassmen. The Senior Leadership Breakfast helped the class to benefit from the words of Mr. Abramowitz as well as many others.

Mr. Danny Abramowitz addresses the senior class at the annual Senior Breakfast.

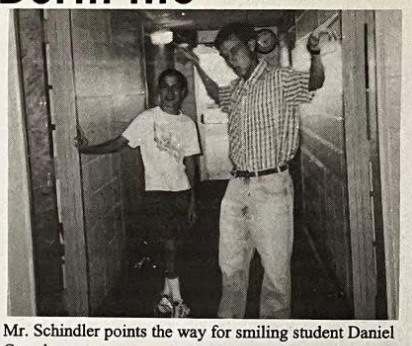
Senior Ring Mass
By DeLance Boggs

Senior rings were distributed on the 7th of September at the Our Lady of the Gulf Church. This is a time long awaited, and it signals the end of one's high school years, and the many possibilities the future holds. The Ring Mass was celebrated at 7:00 p.m. The rings were blessed, and a few words were said by some of the school leaders and supporters. Then, each student was called to the front, one by one, to receive his ring. An enjoyable reception hosted by Mrs. Mary Dillenkoffer and the parent-leadership team was held in the mall.



Seniors Gary Leung, left, and Patrick Clark proudly display symbols of their senior status.

Dorm life



Mr. Schindler points the way for smiling student Daniel Cepada.

By Michael Peacock

Living in the dorm isn't all the fun that you would think it is, but it can be cool. Dorm life can be very helpful because it prepares you for college and living away from home. You also, meet many people that come from different cultures. It can help you learn how to properly deal with social and residential problems and learn how to respect people around you.

There are also unfavorable things about living in the dorm. You have to wait until the weekend to see your parents or to go home. If you're an international students, you may have to wait longer to see your family. Another down side about being in the dorm is that you are always around other people; you never have time to just get away from everyone. The dorm schedule is very structured, but as a whole, I think that dorm life is good for young men that live too far away to be a day student at St. Stanislaus.

Addition of New Dorm E

By Steven Bradley

The Residency department opened an additional wing in the dormitory for the 2000-2001 school year. Dorm E consists of students ranging from grades 10 through 12. The new Dorm E differs from other dormitories in certain respects. There are individual requirements that students must meet upon entrance. Each student must have at least one year of previous experience as a resident student at St. Stanislaus and a positive recommendation from his previous Prefect and the Director of the Residency Department, Brother Chris Sweeney. Additionally, each student must have earned a minimum 2.5 GPA at St. Stanislaus. The minimum 2.5 GPA is a standard that is required to be maintained throughout the school year.

Dorm E has a total of 20 resident students. There are two students in each room. There are no required study periods. There is a "quiet time" from 7 P.M. to 9 P. M., study in a quiet environment that minimizes distractions. Students have internet access and phone connections in each of their rooms. Students are required to be involved in an extracurricular activity each day after school.

Just the eight of us

Senior Michael Carter creates a work of sculpture in advanced art class.

By: Patrick Clark

You may have heard of a class here at school called Sculpture. It is a new Art Elective offered to students who have already taken Advanced Art. Mrs. Bordelon teaches our class downstairs in the old maintenance room, where we can be as loud as we need to without bothering any other classes. It is a really fun class where we an get more experience in one specialized type of art. This class gives students a new way to learn and express themselves creatively. This class is a great addition to the art classes, which already exist at SSC. We have a class of only seven students, which makes it easy for Mrs. Bordelon to get around and help everyone. Our class consists of seniors Michael Carter, Patrick Clark, Thad David, William Davidson, Kenneth Goddin, Jason Santiago, and junior Alex Ironmonger.

If you are looking for a class where you can just slack off, then this is not the one for you. We have already completed three sculptural pieces in clay, and we have only been in class for eight weeks. We have to get an idea and have several sketches of our idea from different angles before we even begin to sculpt.

This may sound like we are only working in clay, but really we are going to work in many different mediums. We have only started in clay because it is what most of us are familiar with. By the end of the year, we will have done pieces in many different forms. Some students plan to work in wood, marble, wire, mixed medium, and one student even hopes to work in fiberglass.

I encourage anyone who is willing to work hard and is interested in sculpture to look into taking this class. It is a fun laid back kind of class where you can put to use all the techniques you have learned in previous art classes.

Society's harmful stereotype

By: David Bradley

Boys in today's society are taught to be masculine. In our society being "masculine" more often than not means not to show emotions and to suppress feelings. If this stereotype is followed, which it frequently is, it can have devastating effects on the child. When feelings are suppressed, generally one or both of the following happens:

An implosion in the boy's life occurs. This means that the boy will turn all of his feelings inward. This approach to consciously or subconsciously settle his problems often leads to depression – turning misplaced anger on yourself and not knowing where to put it – and can lead to serious trauma.

An explosion may occur. This is when the boy may act out, hurts others, or not cooperate with others to get out his unresolved problems or anger.

After adolescence and even often before, aggression in males happens in groups. If a boy acts according to a masculine stereotype around his Dad, and his Dad approves, (our parents are where we first learn how to act and right from wrong) then he will probably act in this manner around his peers. Group aggression – aggression acted out with others – is often an action taken by boys because their peers may approve. The aggressors often use this type of aggression in schools to intimidate others and therefore attempt to gain power. This action is also taken because of its simple nature: that it is much harder to stand up to a group than it is to one person. It is not only harder for one of the aggressors to stand up for what is right, but because of the fact that it is a group, the aggressed will also hesitate to stand up for their own rights.

One of the biggest contributors to male aggression is our media. Day after day boys see violence on TV. TV and even cartoons show excessive violence. When a young boy sees an action on TV, he makes a judgment on that action. He may believe that this action is caused by anger or even happiness. This judgment is then stored in memory. When the child is feeling angry he may take what he remembers from TV and act it out because that is something he sees as a healthy way to act out anger.

This type of behavior will also start with unhealthy parenting. An example of this is a common way that parents discipline their kids – spanking. The pure nature of this act shows aggression. This action shows that a parent is not happy with a situation or person – the boy. It then shows that the parent is expressing anger and even trying to solve the problem with aggression and violence. The boy may take this into his mind. When he is angry with a fellow classmate, instead of reasoning with his classmate, he may hit him because to the child this seems like a plausible and completely fair way to deal with the situation.

Society needs to address this male aggression stereotype. As generation after generation becomes more open in terms of correcting what is wrong with our culture, society still supports this devastating idea and we are still stuck in this devastating rut. What a paradox.

Survey results

FOR THE FOLLOWING, SEE BOX AT RIGHT.

#1- Would you like to see more news, sports, human interest, editorials, or amusement?

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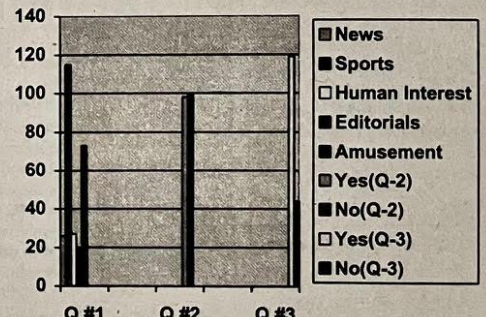


Brothers of the Sacred Heart Serving SSC: Brother Eduardo Baldioceda

Brother Eduardo always has visitors in his office.

By Logan Holleman

In our continuing feature about the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, we are pleased to learn more about Brother Eduardo Baldioceda. When I asked Brother if he would be interviewed for the paper, he responded very kindly. Most people recognize Brother Eduardo when they see him around campus. I sat down with him to ask him some questions about being a Brother of the Sacred Heart.

Brother Eduardo first became interested in the Brotherhood when he was taught by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart at St. Aloysius in New Orleans. Then in 1957, he joined and became a Brother himself.

Being a Brother of the Sacred Heart comes with many duties, such as vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to your superiors. Of this last vow, Brother Eduardo said, " Obedience is the vow I had early help with because I had good parents."

Brother Eduardo has many interesting jobs and hobbies here at SSC. He teaches a computer science course, is prefect of Dorm B, runs the ham radio club, and for the resident students he supervises breakfast in the mornings. Brother also runs the SSC canteen out of his office, where students can find many delicious snacks. Brother Eduardo noted, "I enjoy working with young people and also teaching." One can clearly see Brother's love and caring for the St. Stanislaus community.

Later in the interview, I asked Brother about his ham radio hobby. "Ham radio is learning about radios and using them to talk to people all around the world." Students interested in learning more about ham radios should talk to Brother Eduardo.

Thank you, Brother Eduardo, for all that you do for us!

Band on the rise to fame

By Edward Jasper

If you like bands like Metallica, Our Lady Peace, Stone Temple Pilots, and Bush here is a band for you, 3 Doors Down. Formed in Escatawpa, MS, which is right next to Biloxi, MS they made a name for themselves with their hit song, *Kryptonite*. With continuous air play granted from 97.9 WCPR more and more people were drawn to them most notably scouts from Republic/ Universal records. In early 2000 they released their debut major record album, *The Better Life*.

Since the release of *The Better Life*, 3 Doors Down's drummer (and lead singer) Brad Arnold, has passed his drum sticks on to their new full-time drummer, Richard Liles. Matt Roberts and Chris Henderson, 3 Doors Down's guitarists continue to dish out their heavy, energetic, and powerful riffs track after track using both somewhat cliché riffs, as well as some very technical riffs. And backing this already tremendous sound is their bass player, Todd Harrell, using that ever-present bass of his song after song.

If you like the songs *Kryptonite, Loser, Not Enough, Be Like That,* and *Life of My Own* (which are songs they have released) you will love this album. All in all it is a great CD and maybe someday these Gulf Coast heroes will be household names.

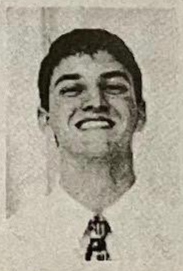
Key Club: What is it?

By Michael Enloe

The Key Club is one of the organizations at SSC that few people know about. Most people consider it a group only there for service hours. The Key Club is actually an international organization that works with the Kiwanis Club to help out around the home, school, and community. It is the largest international service organization, save religions.

Its service projects include the Children Of The World program to get food and medicines to children in third world countries. The Key Club also tutors at St. Claire's Elementary to help with homework and to play games, as well as tutoring in Dorm A. The Key Club helps with a beach cleanup in conjunction with Hancock County. They raise money for the Brother's mission in Arizona, and the club has instituted a new recycling program, recycling paper and cans. They raise money for the children's hospitals, help with the Brother Aubert Fishing Rodeo each year, and volunteer for various sports events and organizations around campus. One of the activities this year will be the annual Penny Power Contest.

The SSC Key Club would like to announce the Outstanding Key Clubber of the month, senior Chris Mensi. Chris, a member of the Key Club for two years, currently serves as vice-president. As a member of the club, Chris is involved in multiple service activities. He started off this school year by working along fellow club members at the Back to School Beach Bash and Dance. Since then, Chris has attended weekly meetings of the executive board along with president Gary Leung and secretary Albert Li. He also attends general meetings held every Monday night. He is involved with tutoring as well as the Key Club's latest service endeavor, the recycling program.



Above is a picture of Outstanding Key Clubber of the month—Chris Mensi.

Chris was recognized at a barbecue held in honor of club members who had achieved a high number of service hours in one month. For those of you who are not already acquainted with Chris, the Key Club invites you to attend a meeting and get to know him and other hard working members of the club. Mrs. Cynthia Clark, mediator of the Key Club, stated, "As for myself, I feel honored and privileged to be working with such students as Chris." Says Mensi; "I have always seen Key Club as a great way to help out my community." The staff of the Rock-a-Chaw offers congratulations, Chris!

In order to join, you need only to attend one of the meetings and sign up. The Key Club holds 4-5 hour long retreats on Saturdays, has barbecues every so often, and attends the district convention every year, at which there is food, awards, and dances (not to mention plenty of girls).

NHS/NJHS news

By SSC Newspaper Staff

Founded nationally in 1921, the National Honor Society seeks to promote the ideals of scholarship, character, service, and leadership in secondary schools throughout the United Stats. At SSC, NHS membership is extended to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have achieved a cumulative, weighted grade point average of 3.5 and who have received high ratings by faculty members in areas of character, service, and leadership. To remain a member in good standing, each NHS member must maintain his 3.5 GPA, earn 15 hours of service each year, and attend regular meeting of the NHS.

This year SSC's NHS has 40 members– 13 seniors, 11 juniors, and 16 sophomores. The officers are: Gary Leung, President; Albert Li and Kunal Patel, Vice-Presidents; Chris Clayton, Secretary; and Frederick Mallini, Treasurer.

SSC also has a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, which is composed of 48 members-27 ninth graders and 21 eighth graders. The officers of this group are: Andrew Waterman, President; Miller Gordon, Vice-President; Chris France, Secretary; Colin Wilson, Treasurer; and Spencer Ziegler, Service Chairman. Both the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society are sponsored by faculty member Mrs. Mary Castleberry.

This year the NHS and NJHS will be involved in numerous service projects during the school year, but there is one special project this year that the NHS and NJHS is asking everyone to participate in. We will be collecting labels from various food products (General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker products, Yoplait yogurt, Lloyd's Barbeque Buckets, Tyson frozen chicken products, and Community coffee products) to support our service projects, so please begin asking parents, other family members, friends, and neighbors to clip and save the labels which are shown below. Listen for announcements of special prizes to be given in recognition of the class and individuals who collect the most labels, Listen also for announcements of when and where the labels will be collected.

The labels to look for and clip are:

Box Tops for Education
- on General Mills cereals
- on Betty Crocker products
- on Yoplait yogurt
- on Lloyd's barbeque buckets

Project A+
- Tyson frozen chicken products

Community Cash for Schools
- UPCs (bar bodes) from all Community Coffee products

"A high stakes video game"

Mr. Schultz conducts a scuba class after school.

By Delance Boggs

The Rock-A-Chaw asked SSC Scuba Club moderator, Mr. Mike Shultz, about this year's club agenda. "We've already made trips to Gulf Shores, Alabama, where we encountered thousands of Australian jellyfish and some pretty tough conditions in general. The visibility there was very limited, maybe ten feet at the most, and there was a little bit of current. Diving with the jellyfish was like playing a high stakes video game, as we did not have wet-suits to protect us, only our maneuverability skills."

Participants in the Gulf Shores dives were Brandon Watts, Collins Baran, Mike Miller, Lorenzo Newman, and Mario Guitierrez. Mr. Chris Arcement, summer camp counselor, and Mr. Shultz supervised the trips.

"Eleven more students have been certified this semester over the course of two weekends in Destin," noted Mr. Shultz. "Both trips were in difficult conditions, which is not all bad for a class situation. Classes are designed to prepare people to dive, and having strenuous situations gives the student the opportunity to learn how to handle challenging conditions under the supervision of an instructor.

The club is looking forward to future dive opportunities in better conditions, and the prospect of a spring break trip to a Caribbean location is a definite consideration.

In addition to those students already mentioned, Scuba Club members include Steve Duke, Brandon Burkhart, Mike Felter, Justin Felter, Sergio Felegeres, James Peterson, Derek Fogarty, Chris Lee, John Nelson, Morgan Hammett, and myself.

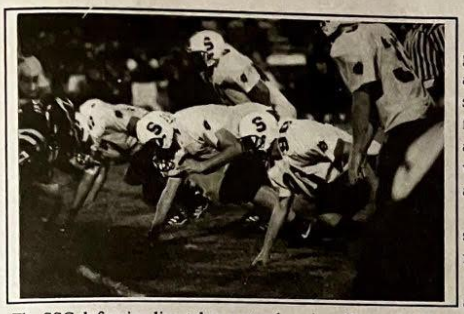
Serving you

By Patrick Clark

This year's Student Ministry Team is a made up of fifteen seniors, who have said yes to a call to minister to their school community. Being one these fifteen ministers I will try and explain our duty to you. At first, it was hard for us to find exactly what our new role is. We began this year by going to a convention, which helped answer, this question. During this convention we were able to talk with other Student Ministers and to learn how to better minister to you. Yet perhaps the most important thing that happened was that we all got to know each other a little better and with this we can work stronger as a team.

Through experiences such as this convention, I have discerned what I think our role is. Our role is to strive to be a constant example of a disciple of Christ for the members of our SSC family. Mr. Duhon, who is our new Campus minister, reflected on our role as, " to be one who serves, and ministers to his fellow students and classmates, modeled after Jesus' ministry."

HOMECOMING 2000



The SSC defensive line takes a stand against Hancock. The Rocks fought hard but lost the game.

By Andrew Pretzello

The 2000 homecoming is expected to be a great game. Our Rock-a-Chaws of St. Stanislaus host the Petal Panthers. The Panthers hold a record of 7-1, 3-1 in the district. The Rocks have a record of 4-4, 2-2 in the district. I talked with head football coach, Mr. Dave Kenson, about tonight's game.

"We will be playing the best team in the district, and we have to play our best game. We have to put aside homecoming distractions and stay focused on the importance of the game"

"Coach Kenson, when does the team start preparing for a big game like this?"

"Preparation begins with studying game films and that starts about a week before a game. One of our strategies is to change something for every game, and we intend to follow through for tonight's game. I can't say at this time exactly what that change in play will be, but it will directed at Petal's vulnerability."

"What would you, Coach Kenson, consider to be our team's strengths and weaknesses?"

Currently we reap the benefits of a balanced offense, which can both run and throw well. Our offensive line played their best game of the year so far against Pearl River Central with a 51-40 victory, and they will continue to improve. Our defense plays tough, but they are less experienced, and we're working to improve there."

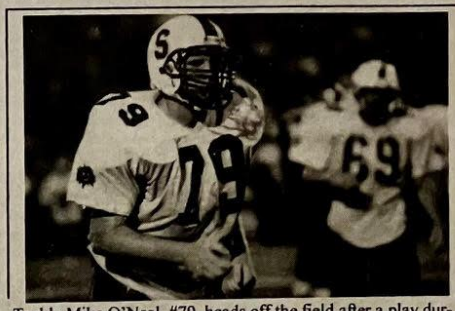
I got a chance to talk to come of the players on the football team such as G/T #78 Neil Favre. "We know it's going to be a good game because Petal is one of the best teams in the district. They are a big team; we don't really match up with them in size, so we know we are going to have to play our best to beat them. We think we are going to be able to pull out a great win."

Jesse Battle, a lineman, shared his concern for tonight's game. "I think the toughest thing for me will be going against Petal's offensive guard - he's one of the best in the nation, and I've got to go against him."

Play Christian Baehr said, "It will be a hard loss or a good game, but no matter what, it will be a good game."

Player Grady Willis said, "Tonight we will do battle with the Petal Panthers and if we are able to play the whole game without many mental mistakes this will be our night."

The team seems pretty prepared for the Petal game. They need all the support they can get. The Rocks can still



Tackle Mike O'Neal, #79, heads off the field after a play during the Hancock game.

have playoffs hopes. We must win every game and Petal, Columbia, and Hancock would have to lose one game each. The Rocks have a strong team as they have shown us many of times before; hopefully we can find that extra energy to come out with a victory for our Rock-a Chaws of St. Stanislaus.

Varsity/Junior Varsity Soccer Final Roster

Aguilar, Luis	Keller, Jeremy
Boelte, Jeremy	Kenny, Billy
Bourgeois, Jarrod	Kivlan, Michael
Boxx, Will	Kulikowski, Stephen
Breland, Bryce	Leonard, Michael
Brodtmann, Beau	Lewis, Kyle
Brooks, Brennan	Lingsch, Josh
Cranford, Drew	Natal, Patrick
Doty, Peter	Newman, Lorenzo
Farrar, Todd	Olsen, Sean
Favre, Neil	Pitalo, Josh
Fitzmaurice, Mike	Powell, Matt
Giardino, Luca	Strickland, Jimmy
Hansell, Jeffrey	Ticer, Marshall
Heaps, David	Treutel, Trey
Henry, Tommy	Turfitt, Baxter
Johnson, Jake	Vollenweider, Corey

SSC Swimming Stats

September 13 Results: L 36-58

September 20 Results: W 123-35

September 27 Results W 104-56

October 4 Hancock: W 115-43

SSC Junior High Football Stats

Currently the Junior High Rocks are undefeated at 6-0.

SSC Junior Varsity Football Stats

Currently the Junior Varsity Rocks are leading with a 3-2 record.

Members of the Junior High Football Team speak about their recent victory over Vancleave 26-6.

Stefan Sofianos— "One of the hardest parts of the game was really before the game. It was very hard preparing for the game. During the game, the most exhilarating part was the first quarter when both teams were still scoreless."

Lee Klein— "We beat them everywhere on field; they had no chance"

Michael Cure— "They were a very powerful and challenging team, but we came to play. We knew what we needed to do and we executed. We beat them on both sides of the ball. Our effort and our attitude to win is what gave us the "W."

Brennen Thomas— "The game was tough. They were a good team. They were stopping our running backs and main plays, but we got by a few times. As a cornerback, I had to make sure they didn't get behind me and I had to block or intercept any passes thrown. Both teams were pretty much evenly matched, but we wanted it more and that's all that counts."

Go get 'em Rocks!

SSC Cross Country Stats

August 26—Oak Grove Work Meet Results: N/18
September 9—E D White Invitational Results: 14th
September 16: Holy Cross Meet Results: N/A
September 23: East Central Meet Results: 7th
September 30: St. Martin Meet Results: 6th

Presidential Debate 2000

By Tyler Gallagher

In the first Presidential debate of this year, candidates Vice President Al Gore and Governor George W. Bush discussed plans and ideas for a better America. Each had his own version of improvements in education and government, as well as other major topics of interest to the American voting public. Mr. Bush and Mr. Gore tore into each other's campaign promises, as they simultaneously tried to keep cool and focused on the debate.

As many had expected, these two major party Presidential candidates used most of this face-off to promote their own plans for prescription drug coverage for senior citizens, the Social Security and Medicare programs, and tax breaks for Americans.

The debaters managed to both compliment each other and alternately to set each other at disadvantages. Mr. Gore would usually sigh in exasperation to Mr. Bush's comments, and Mr. Bush would respond with shakes of his head.

Overall, Bush came out ahead in this debate. He kept a good mind towards Gore's plans and ideas, and even complimented Gore on some of them. While, on the other hand, Gore would sigh in exhaustion to Bush's ideas. Bush made a good point when he mentioned that Gore was only trying to "scare" many into voting for him by mentioning his Medicare plans. Bush took the defensive and the end of the debate turned ugly.

As things got a little bit ugly, Bush sarcastically stated, "Not only am I beginning to believe that Gore invented the Internet, but I also am beginning to believe that he invented the calculator." The two engaged in similar exchanges of words, with Gore arguing that Bush's tax payroll program would cause bankruptcy, and Bush saying that Gore had no philosophical problem with the system's current "'paltry" two percent rate of return.

So as things wrapped up on an ugly notice, the two still exchanged glances and smiles, then shook hands, and left the stage in opposite directions.

George W. Bush: Hypocrisy with Bravado

By John S. Waterman

George W. Bush is the wrong choice for America.

This reporter does not know where to begin citing examples of his inexperience and hypocrisy. Since his campaign is so concerned at the moment with pointing out the moral turpitude of Vice President Gore and the Clinton administration, perhaps we should look at the character of Governor Bush.

When asked about his problems with drug abuse, Governor Bush asked the American People to "forgive and forget" any "youthful indiscretions" he may have had in the past. The Republican Party seemed happy enough to accept this sentiment, and the issue has been glossed over.

Thousands of non-violent drug offenders are currently serving huge terms in prison for similar "youthful indiscretions." Governor Bush has yet to make any attempt to "forgive and forget" their past crimes; rather he has insisted on a stance that is "tougher on drugs."

But that's not hypocrisy. That's politics.

Governor Bush's plans for economic and social reform reek on inexperience. His plans for tax reforms, for example, are extremely short sighted. Governor Bush wishes to give a large tax break to all Americans, claiming that those in the lowest tax brackets will receive the largest amount of money back. Governor Bush forgot to mention, however, that the only reason this socio-economic group will see so much money is because there are so many people in the middle-to-lower brackets. The people who will see the most money returned will be the richest 1% of America. Throughout the first presidential debate, Governor Bush repeatedly criticized Vice President Gore for his use of "Fuzzy Math." It would seem that the Governor is not without some "Fuzzy Numbers" of his own.

Governor Bush's plans for Medicare and Social Security are just as bad. Because, very simply, he has none. All Governor Bush has promised to do is to preserve both programs, as he feels they are "defining American promises that must be kept." He does not offer immediate reforms, but states a nebulous plan to "improve them for future generations?"

Another one of Governor Bush's plan's Vice President Gore on the other hand has a very definite plan: Use the surplus 166 billion dollars to protect Social Security and Medicare. The downside: no immediate tax break. Governor Bush's campaign has seized this aspect of the issue and refused to let it go. It is a successful tactic against the Vice President, because let's face it: The prospect of getting money from the government is not an unpleasant one. However, it is *not* the responsible thing for America.

I do not like Governor Bush as a person, or a prospective leader of our nation. However, he is an official elected to office by the people, and as such I have referred to him by title even when criticizing him. During the debates, however, the Governor would not even extend Vice-President Gore this same courtesy. Governor Bush repeatedly referred to the Vice President as "that man" or "this man". Toward the end debate, Governor Bush resorted to mudslinging tactics against the Vice President who, to his credit, did not return the slander. Instead, Vice President Gore rose above this petty squabbling, and exhorted all Americans to focus on the current issues taking place in our nation.

Governor Bush does not belong in the oval office. Do the right thing for America. Don't vote for the "W".

Road worries

By Britt Hormanski

I wake up, it's 7:20 A.M. I finish getting ready for school; and then I rush out to my car. I start up the engine and check my fuel gauge. Now, I must make one more stop: to the gas station.

I pull into the gas station and wait my turn for a place to pump my gas. Finally, after a five-minute wait, I can continue. As I begin to pump my gas, I gaze once more at the clock; it is now 7:35. I have only 25 minutes to get to school.

If this has ever happened to you, then you know how hard it can be to get gas before school and still be on time for classes. However, compared to what may occur, this is nothing.

Already around the world, in places like England and Europe, the price of gasoline has rocketed sky-high. Already, gas has risen from around $1.00 to $1.45, and the oil companies have plans to raise them even higher. What is the end result?

In England, people have to wait an estimated hour to two hours, to get their gas. Why? Convenience stores refuse to pay the costly amount of dollars for gas, thus resulting in less gasoline. So in essence, the less gas you have, the longer the wait to serve all customers.

So is it possible for this to occur in the United States? That depends. If the inflation increases, then there is a great chance that this will occur. How can we stop this from occurring? The people do not really have a huge say-so in this debate. All that we can do is talk to our representatives and question the authority figures.

When asked what they thought would happen in the future, many people responded positively. They informed me that they do not believe it will happen because of the new presidential election occurring. Once the new president is in charge, this will no longer be a big issue. Both candidates wish to end this by supplying our hemisphere with more oil.

What can be done about this loss of oil, or oil deficiency? Governor Bush wishes to pull oil out of Alaska in order to supply the ever-growing need of American citizens. The only problem with that is, we will run the risk of endangering species, as well as destroying national property.

So once again, the world is stuck in a no win situation. No matter what we do, whether we destroy life, or raise prices of gasoline, once again, we are going to lose something.

Too much time for the Olympics or too little

By Jake Johnson

A couple of weeks ago the 29th Olympiad started; a couple weeks later it ended. Yeah, that's right, it sure did. A lot of us didn't know about it. The Olympics were aired on one channel for about four or five hours each night.

Our country was the number one finisher, and the networks didn't even care enough to show the public that we excelled in so many sports. The games would go on all day long and yet although we knew this, we only saw the last four or five hours of it each night. They even had the audacity to charge money on pay-per-view channels to watch the finals of some events, but it's all over now. Maybe at the next Olympics we will be able to watch our men and women take another Olympic number one title in Greece.

We asked you

By John S. Waterman

"We Asked You" is an opinion column in which a wandering reporter takes to the hallways of SSC and–at the risk of life, limb, and property damage–quizzes students and faculty alike on one question, which changes quarterly. This first quarter, in the spirit of the Presidential Election, the question was(drum roll):

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ELECTION? WHICH CANDIDATE WOULD YOU VOTE FOR AND WHY?

The responses are as follows. All who participated gave permission for their quotes to be printed. The Rock-A-Chaw is not responsible for any legal action that may result as an unfortunate byproduct of this column.

"I don't pay attention to politics, but from what I can tell, both aren't too bright; whatever."
–DeLance Boggs, Assistant Editor, Senior

"I think both people are petty; they use fake numbers and "great ideas" to obtain a job.
–Britt Hormanski, Junior

"I think Gore is boring and he is lying to the American People. I think Bush is the only one who will get anything done."
–Miles Landrem, Senior

"I wish Dick Cheney was the Presidential Candidate."
–Bro. Malcolm Melcher, Chemistry and Religion III

"I hope that after this election, when I say the President's name, there aren't snickers all over the classroom."
–Coach Steve Flannery, Cross-Country, English III Honors, English 7

"The race is very close because of all the contradictory issues. I hope that the person who does win will be able to lead our country and be a good role model."
–Mrs. Brandy Schruff, French I-IV, ESL.

"They're both complete idiots, but Gore is a bigger one."
–Anonymous

"I think the 'W' is the Winner."
–Chris Mensi, Vice President of Key Club, Senior.

"They are both political worms with no concept of Democracy. Politics is very corrupt, and the Government needs to be reformed."
–Andrew Nestor, Senior

"I'm voting for Bush, because Al Gore looked like an old woman for the debate."
–Kent Maddox, Senior.

"Gore, because I won't vote for a fascist."
–Joel O. Tate II, Lt. Governor of Key Club, Senior.

"I think Bush's platform suits more people. I think he will get more changes made."
–Mrs. Renee Hamm, English IV, English IV AP.

"None of the candidates appeal to me"
–Chris Harrison, Senior.

"I like Gore, because he has the most experience"
–Kris Cannon, Senior.

"I'm waiting for the election to get interesting. Right now it's very boring. But after the election, I hope some dignity is restored to the Presidency."
–Coach Louis Burg, Cross-Country, US History, Law-Related Education.

"Neither. They're both the same. And I don't vote, because it encourages the Republicrats."
–Coach Dave Kenson, Varsity football, Strength Training, Health.

Welcome Back!

By John S. Waterman

At the beginning of the last school year, SSC carried on without one of our teachers and coaches, Mr. Stan Dellenger. Coach Dellenger was absent for the first quarter due to open-heart surgery he underwent that summer. Things were not quite the same without him here at SSC. Mrs. Bradbrook, who teaches in the room next to Coach Dellenger's room, noted, "I was really glad to see Coach Dellenger return; things are so orderly next door when he's home."

Unfortunately, two more SSC people underwent heart surgery. Mr. Genin, Principal of Discipline, who has been at SSC for sixteen years, had triple bypass heart surgery on June 28th of this year. "My heart problems were caused by thirty-two years of heart damage due to diabetes," said Mr. Genin. Having firsthand experience with this problem, Mr. Genin tries to remind SSC student diabetics to take good care of themselves. Mr. Genin also wishes to express his thanks to everyone at SSC. "My family and I are grateful for all of the prayers and support during my illness. I would especially like to thank Coach Dellenger and Brother Ronald Talbot who advised me about the procedure, having had it themselves, and who told me what to expect during and after surgery. Thanks also to Brother Ronald Hingle and to Mr. Gemelli for keeping my spirits up. I appreciate the help from Mrs. Estrade and Mr. Cherota, who covered my administrative duties while I was out. And, I thank Mrs. Ann Holder for good wishes and all the sports magazines that helped me get through my recuperation time at home."

Mr. Dale Moran, a history teacher at SSC for eighteen years, recently returned to his classroom after open-heart surgery this summer. Mr. Moran expressed his feelings about the support he received. "My wife and I would like to thank the SSC family for all of their prayers, cards, encouragement, and support during my recent illness. Special thanks go out to Brother Ronald Hingle for the visits and the understanding, to Mr. Genin for talking me through many hard times by sharing his own experiences, to Mr. Labat and Miss Glynn Walker for taking classes for me, to the many faculty, students, and staff who prayed for my recovery: God bless all of you."

SSC is happy to welcome all of you back!

Attention theater goers!

By John S. Waterman

The St. Stanislaus Drama Club will present the Mississippi premiere of Touch the Names by Randall Myler on December 4th, 2000 at a dinner theater at OLG community center. Also presented will be a one-act version pf Pygmalion, George Bernard Shaw's comedy on British manners and mores, complete with British accents. Touch the Names is based on letter and mementos left at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC. This play has been produced only once before.

Both plays will be directed by Mrs. Terry Carr. When asked about her expectations for the productions, Mrs. Carr replied, "Our actors and actresses are extremely talented and will present a versatile and interesting evening of entertainment."

The casts for the plays are as follows:

TOUCH THE NAMES:
Dustin Tasker
Ashley Timidaski
John Waterman
Ashley Nelson
Preston Ellis
Alicia Asper
Kyle Fagan
Brady Bordelon
Julie Reboul

Guitars:
Paul Thibodeaux
Luis Aguliar Gonzales

PYGMALION
Dustin Tasker–Professor Higgins
Ashley Timidaski–Eliza Doolittle
John Waterman–Colonel Pickering
Erin Stechmann–Mrs. Pearce

Team Trivia Tournament

Are you ready for this year's Team Trivia Tournament. It will take place on October 26, 2000 from 7-9 PM. Here are some examples of questions that were given during last year's tournament.

1.) What does "CPR" stand for?
2.) What does "DOS" stand for?
3.) What is the mascot of Duke University?
4.) What is the mascot of Purdue University?
5.) Who said, "I have not yet begun to fight"?
6.) Who said, "There's a sucker born every minute"?
7.) In what city would you find the Loop, Sears Tower, and the Magnificent Mile?
9.) In what year did the Titanic sink?
10.) When was JFK assassinated?
11.) Who washed his hands before crucifying Jesus?
12.) What island housed a hospital for lepers?
13.) Who wrote The Catcher in the Rye?
14.) "Necrophobia" is a fear of what?
15.) For what movie did Dustin Hoffman win an Oscar in 1988?

Answers:

1.) Cardio- Pulmonary Resuscitation
2.) Disk Operating System
3.) Blue Devils
4.) Boilermakers
5.) John Paul Jones
6.) P.T. Barnum
7.) New York
8.) Chicago
9.) 1912
10.) 1963
11.) Pontius Pilate
12.) Molaki
13.) J.D. Salinger
14.) Death
15.) "Rain Man"

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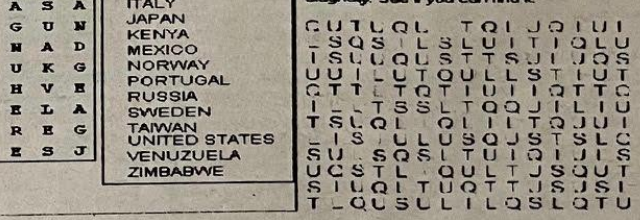

BRAIN TEASERS

Using just a 5-gallon bucket and a 3-gallon bucket, can you put four gallons of water in the 5-gallon bucket? (Assume that you have an unlimited supply of water and that there are no measurement markings of any kind on the buckets.)

You are stranded on an island off the coast of Florida with an expensive diamond, a suitcase, and a lock with its key. You need to send the diamond to your friend who lives in Miami. The only means of transportation is a guy with a canoe. However, you find out that the guy is a thief and will steal anything you send to your friend except a locked suitcase. He will steal a suitcase that is not locked and all of its components, as well as any individual items (i.e. a key or a lock). You are allowed to communicate with your friend via an old phone line that you discovered as you were roaming the island. How can you send the diamond to your friend? (Hints: you have the only key to the lock, the suitcase cannot be broken, and no: a helicopter cannot fly and pick it up).